

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article II, Article III, Article IV, and Article VII of the Constitution of Tennessee to limit the number of terms certain elected and appointed officials may serve.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That a majority of all members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that the Constitution of Tennessee be amended as follows:

(1) By adding after Section 3 of Article II, the following new Sections 3(a), 3(b), 3(c) and 3(d):

SECTION 3(a). No person elected to the office of representative shall serve more than eight (8) consecutive years in the house of representatives. No person elected to the office of senator shall serve more than eight (8) consecutive years in the senate. Service in one (1) house shall not count towards the limitation upon service in the other house.

SECTION 3(b). For the purpose of calculating the eight (8) year limitation, the beginning date shall be the date of the November general election in 1998.

SECTION 3(c). The time served by any person elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy shall not be included in the constitutional limitation.

SECTION 3(d). No person who has completed eight (8) years of service in one (1) house shall thereafter be eligible to serve a partial term.

(2) By adding after Section 17 of Article III, the following new Section 17(a):

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No person appointed to the office of secretary of state shall serve more than eight (8) consecutive years.

(3) By adding to Article III a new Section 19 as follows:

SECTION 19. No person elected to a statewide office, excluding members of the United States Congress, judiciary and the governor, shall serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years.

(4) By adding to Article IV a new Section 5 as follows:

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(a) No person elected to represent Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress shall serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years. No person elected to represent Tennessee as a member of the Senate of the U.S. Congress shall serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years. Service in one (1) house of the U.S. Congress shall not count towards the limitation upon service in the other house.

(b) For the purpose of calculating the twelve (12) year limitation, the beginning date shall be the date of the November general election in 1998.

(c) The time served by any person elected or appointed to serve less than a full term shall not be included in the constitutional limitation.

(d) No person who has completed twelve (12) years of service in one (1) house of the U.S. Congress shall thereafter be eligible to serve a partial term.

(5) By adding after Section 3 of Article VII, the following new Section 3(a):

No person appointed to the office of treasurer or comptroller of the treasury shall serve more than eight (8) consecutive years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the foregoing amendment be referred to the One Hundredth General Assembly, and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published by the secretary of state in accordance with the Constitution of Tennessee, Article XI, Section 3.

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